IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

THURSDAY, THE 23RD AUGUST 2007 / 1ST BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 6135 of 2007(E)

PETITIONER:

D. BHUVANANDARAN NAIR,
S/O.P. DAMODARAN NAIR, CHIEF SOIL CHEMIST,
CENTAL SOIL TESTING LABORATORY,
PAROTTUKONAM, NALANCHIRA P.O.,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.R.RAMADAS

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. HIGHER DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION
COMMITTEE, REPRESENTED BY ITS
CHIARMAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 23/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

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Dated this the 23rd August, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner is a Chief Soil Chemist in the rank of Deputy Director, since 6-9-2000. According to him he is eligible to be promoted to the post of Joint Director. Pursuant to Ext. P3 memo of charges, disciplinary proceedings were conducted against the petitioner and it is stated that the enquiry officer has submitted his report as early as in 2002. It is complained that further action thereon has not been concluded. In the meanwhile, meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee is going to be held and that the petitioner apprehends that in view of the pendency of the disciplinary proceedings he is likely to be excluded from the select list.

2. The apprehension of the petitioner is based on the delay in the conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings. Hence the appropriate order to be passed is to direct the authorities to finalise the proceedings against the petitioner as expeditiously as

possible.

3. After having heard the learned Govt. Pleader, I direct the 1st respondent to finalise the proceedings initiated against the petitioner pursuant to Ext. P3 memo of charges as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

Petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment before the 1st respondent for compliance.

ANTONY DOMINIC
JUDGE

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